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Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the above-referenced application be amended as follows before calculation of the filing fee:

In the Specification

Please delete the first paragraph of the specification, on page 1 at lines 3 through 13, and replace it with the following:

- - The present application is a division of allowed U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/014,206, filed January 28, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 09/002,848, filed on January 5, 1998, and now U.S. Patent 6,127,527 issued on October 3, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/440,857, filed May 15, 1995, now abandoned, which is a division of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/097,471, filed July 27, 1993, and now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 07/657,580, filed February 19, 1991 and now U.S. Patent 5,246,691. The entire disclosures of all of the

above-mentioned patent applications are incorporated by reference in the present specification as though set forth herein in full.- -

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1 through 25.

A marked-up copy of the aforementioned specification amendment is attached.

REMARKS

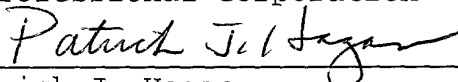
The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is two-fold. First, the specification has been amended to update the cross-reference to applicant's earlier related patent applications, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §120. Second, the claims have been amended by canceling claims directed to the subject matter allowed in applicant's parent application, U.S. Application No. 09/014,206, filed January 28, 1998, of which the present application is a divisional.

Applicant hereby requests entry of the present Preliminary Amendment, which is filed concurrently with the above-referenced divisional application.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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